

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, immediately following the title "Stem cells suitable for transplantation, their preparation and pharmaceutical compositions comprising them," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/IL2004/001018, which was filed November 8, 2004, claiming benefit of priority of Israeli Patent Application No. 158868, which was filed November 13, 2003. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 52, immediately after claim 40, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

**ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates to stem cells suitable for transplantation and to methods for their preparation.